MACHINGAL GOVINDA MENON—HEAD CLERK, TALAPPALLI MAGISTRATE'S COURT— CHARGES AGAINST.

109. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the various charges that have been made against one Machingal Govinda Menon in the Vadakkancheri Magistrate's Court;

(*b*) whether any amount has been lost;

(*c*) what action the Government intends to take?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) The charges are tampering of accounts, forgery and misappropriation of money.

(*b*) No amount has been lost.

(*c*) The incumbent has been dismissed from service.

Mr.C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know what was the amount that was involved in the various charges?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* About Rs. 1,500.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know when these crimes were committed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* The thing has been going on for some years—for about 4—5 years. When it was found out, the actual amount misappropriated was found to be Rs. 1,400 and odd.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Are there not people to superintend these things?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Government are looking into the matter as to who are all responsible.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether there is not any audit conducted year after year or every 6 months?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* There is no audit with regard to receipts.

Mr. President: This is entirely due to the carelessness of the local Magistrates and the District Magistrates who were in charge during those periods. I have called for a report showing the names of persons responsible. One of my difficulties has been that for every person responsible to check a thing, I have to make somebody else also responsible to see that he carries out the work properly. That is one of the difficulties. We are going to put a stop to that kind of irresponsibility hereafter.

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* While thankful for the new arrangement that has been made, may I know whether any further step is going to be taken against the person who has committed very serious offences, tampering, etc ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* No. Further step to be taken is only prosecuting him. Government do not propose to take that step.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether in smaller cases than this, prosecutions have been ordered by the Government ? Here there are a good number of offences committed and that for a long period and if the culprit who has been committing these offences is to be let free, I do not know how we can say that for one single offence of a minor nature they are prosecuted.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* All these circumstances were taken into consideration. This man has served nearly 31 years and he was about to retire. The Government dismissed him not giving him anything by way of pension or gratuity. Government thought it was not desirable to prosecute him also in his old age. The whole money has also been made good.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* The same mercy may be shown to the others also without impairing the prestige or the dignity of the department and the efficiency of the department.

CIVIL LIST—CORRECTION REGARDING Mr. K. M. IBRAHIM'S QUALIFICATIONS.

110. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Adverting to number 14 on page (iv) of the Cochin Civil List corrected up to 1st Chingam 1114, will the Government be pleased to state why the University Examinations of Law Previous and Master of Arts Previous that have been passed have been let off ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Because, Government have no information of the various examinations passed by the hon'ble member.

WILLINGDON ISLAND—FISCAL JURISDICTION OVER.

111. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the village to which the Willingdon Island belongs ;

(*b*) who is the Parvathiam who collects the revenue from that place ;

(*c*) what is the annual land-tax collected ;

(*d*) whether the Director of Public Health has any jurisdiction over that 'Island';

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